

**REMARKS**

Claims 1-38 are presently pending in the application. Claims 1, 14, 16-19, 32, 33, 35, 36, and 38 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(a) as being anticipated by Pinder et al. (6,219,358). Claims 2 and 20 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Pinder et al. in view of Watanabe (6,775,257). Claim 7 has been rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite due to insufficient antecedent basis. Claims 3-6, 8-13, 15, 21-31, 34, and 37 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Independent claim 1 has been amended to include allowable, but objected to dependent claim 3. It is believed that independent claim 1 is now allowable over the cited art. Additionally, claim 7 has been amended to correct the antecedent basis rejection. It is believed therefore that dependent claims 2 and 4-14 further limit independent claim 1 as amended and should also be allowable. Claim 3 has been canceled. Furthermore, claim 15 has been amended to include independent claim 1. It is believed that independent claim 15, as amended, is allowable over the cited art.

Independent claim 16 has been amended to include allowable, but objected to claims 20 and 21. It is believed that independent claim 16 as amended is now allowable over the cited art. Additionally, claims 17-19, 22-24, and 26-34 further limit independent claim 16 and should also be allowable. Claims 20 and 21 have been canceled. Furthermore, claim 25 has been amended to include independent claim 1. It is believed that independent claim 25, as amended, is allowable over the cited art.

Independent claim 35 has been amended to include allowable, but objected to claim 37. It is believed therefore that independent claim 35 as amended is now allowable over the cited art. Claims 36 and 38 further limit independent claim 35 and should also be allowable. Claim 37 has been canceled.

Reconsideration and reexamination of the present application is requested in view of the foregoing amendment and in view of the remarks.

### CONCLUSION

The foregoing is submitted as a full and complete response to the Office Action dated January 26, 2006. Claims 1, 2, 4-19, 22-36, and 38 will be pending in the present application upon entry of the present amendment, with claims 1, 16, and 35 being independent. Based on the amendments and remarks set forth herein, Applicant respectfully submits that the subject patent application is in condition for allowance. Because the claims may include additional elements that are not taught or suggested by the cited art, the preceding arguments in favor of patentability are advanced without prejudice to other bases of patentability.

Upon entry of the foregoing Response, the above-identified patent application includes 5 independent claims. Because Applicant has previously paid for 38 total claims and 3 independent claims, an additional fee is due. Should it be determined that any excess fee has been received, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees which may be required or credit any overpayment to deposit account #19-0761.

Should the Examiner have any comments or suggestions that would place the subject patent application in better condition for allowance, he is respectfully requested to telephone the undersigned agent at the below-listed number.

Respectfully submitted:

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